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SUBJECT: IRVING BROWN (AFL-CIO) VISIT TO SPAIN

1. IRVING BROWN'S (AFL-CIO REPRESENTATIVE IN EUROPE) FIRST
OFFICIAL VISIT TO SPAIN JANUARY 9-13 WAS HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE
STARTING OFF IN BARCELONA, HE ATTENDED THE CONGRESS OF
JOSEP PALLACH'S PARTIT SOCIALISTA DE CATALUNYA (PSC-R)
TRAGICALLY, PALLACH DIED UNEXPECTEDLY OF A HEART ATTACK
IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS ON JANUARY 10. BROWN ALSO MET
WITH CATALAN LABOR LEADERS IN BARCELONA.

2. IN MADRID, BROWN (ACCOMPANIED BY LABATT) MET WITH A
BROAD SPECTRUM OF TRADE UNION LEADERS AND LABOR ORIENTED
INDIVIDUALS INCLUDING A) SEC GEN NICLOAS REDONDO (TWICE)
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MANUEL SIMON (INT'L SECRETARY) AND MANUEL GARNACHO
(INDUSTRIAL FEDERATION SECRETARY) OF THE SOCIALIST UGT.
B) MARIANO ESPUNEZ (INT'L SECRETARY) AND MANUEL ZAGUIRRE
(INFORMATION SECRETARY OF THE SOCIALIST CHRISTIAN USO.
C) JOSE LEUNDA (VP) AND ALFONSO ECHEVERRIA (SEVGEN) OF THE
BASQUE STV (TRADITIONAL) WHO JOURNEYED TO MADRID SPECIFICALLY
TO MEET WITH BROWN. D) CARLOS PARDO (INT'L METALWORKERS

FEDERATIOJ REPRESENTATIVE IN SPAIN. AND E) AMADEO CUITO (FROM BARCELONA) OF THE PCS-R (POSSIBLE HEIR TO APLLACH), BROWN ALSO LUNCHEd WITH THE AMBASSADOR. SEVERAL OTHER SIGNIFIANT MEETINGS UNDERTAKEN BY BRON WILL BE REPORTED SEPARAELY TO THE DEPARTMENT.

3. OF THE TRADE UNION MEETINGS, THOSE WITH THE UGT AND STV WERE OF GREATEST INTEREST. BOTH UNIONS STRESSED THAT THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS (FOLLOWING EXPECTED LEGALIZATION) WOULD BE CRITICAL IN TERMS OF THE NEED FOR RAPIDLY EXPANDED ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES. REDONDO FLATLY STATED THAT UNLESS THE UGT'S FINANCIAL SITUATION IMPROVED BY MARCH 15, THEY FACD HAVING TO CUT DOWN THEIR ALREADY MEAGRE FULLTIME STAFF OF 23 (NATION WIDE). THE QUESTION OF A POSSIBLE VISIT OF REDONDO TO THE US ALSO CAME UP (SEE MADRID 8705 NOTAL) AND BROWN INDIATED HE WOULD BE RAISING THE MATTER WITH THE AFL-CIO IN WASHINGTON.

4. INCREASED TEMPO OF AFL-CIO (AND UA) VISIT HAS BEEN MOST USEFUL AND VERY MUCH APPRECIATE BY THE EMBASSY AND SPANISH LABOR LEADERS ALIKE, AND IRVING BROWN'S TRIP TURNED OUT TO BE APTICULARLY TIMELY AND IN A SENSE PUT IT ALL TOGETHER. HIS REUPTATION AS A EUROPEAN LABOR EXPORT OF LONG STADNING IS WELL REVONGIZED BY THE SPANIARDS AND HE ONCE AND FOR ALL PUT TO LEST THE MISCONCEPTION IN SOEM QUARTERS HERE THAT THE AFL-CIO LACKED INTEREST IN THE SPANISH LABOR SCENE. UPON HIS DEPARTURE FOR PARIS, BROWN TOLD THE LABATT THAT HE HAD AREADY MADE TENTATIVE PLANS TO RETURN TO MADRID FOR SEVERAL MORE DAYS COMENCING
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